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## LEADERS PREPARING TO DESTROY PRIMARY

Significant Burst of Applause Greets Declaration by Judge Duke.

### CONVENTION IN ROANOKE

Date Fixed for Thursday, June 11th, at Noon—Session Very Tame.

Concise told, the story of the meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee at Murphy's last night, which was in session but twenty minutes, and which was attended by harmony and unanimity of action at every point, is contained in the accompanying summary of events.

There was but one roll call, and this was taken only to ascertain the presence of a quorum. Thirty-nine of the fifty members answered to their names, and Chairman Elyson, with the aid of a good-lumored and harmonious committee dispatched the business under consideration with great rapidity.

Against Primary. The one really interesting feature which developed in the meeting was a clear-cut and vigorous declaration made by Judge R. T. W. Duke, of Charlottesville, against all manner of Democratic primaries. This statement provoked a most significant outburst of applause.

In view of a prediction recently made in The Times-Dispatch that the primary system would most probably be fought at the coming State convention, this call to battle was not altogether unexpected. The matter will most likely now be made an issue in one of the local meetings called to elect delegates to Roanoke.

The demonstration of approval which greeted Judge Duke's emphatic declaration of opposition to any and all primaries was perhaps more significant than the declaration itself, for it indicated that a large proportion of the party managers were ready to join hands and destroy, if possible, the reform which it took the people many years to accomplish.

Congressman Wm. A. Jones, of the First District, the pioneer leader of this great movement, who witnessed its consummation in 1894, was present in the room when the convention in favor of its undoing occurred.

Mr. Jones is the member of the Democratic State Executive Committee from the First District, but he came down chiefly to hear his friend, Mr. Bryan, speak to-night. He has long been a warm friend and supporter of the Nebraska law. Though he did not say so, it is expected that Mr. Jones will lead the fight in Roanoke to maintain the primary. It was there that, in 1897, he conducted the first battle in favor of the inauguration of the system.

Session of Committee. Chairman Elyson rapped the meeting to order in Murphy's Annex at 8:30 P. M. and Secretary J. N. Buchanan called the roll. The chair reminded the committee of two vacancies and they were promptly filled. Mr. A. P. Rowe, of Fredericksburg, was elected from the First District, to succeed the late H. H. Wallace, of the same city, and Mr. R. H. Herndon, of Danville, was chosen from the Fifth instead of Mr. R. F. Tompkins, of Floyd. This vacancy was created because Floyd was recently put into the Sixth District.

The committee decided to take up first the selection of a place for holding the convention, and Mr. James P. Woods, in a brief, but happy, speech, presented the claims of the city of Roanoke.

"We do not need it ourselves for political purposes," he declared, "but our thriving young city stands as a break-water against the flood of Republicanism which has started in the mountains and which is rolling onward to the sea."

Mr. Woods declared that the enthusiasm of a great Democratic convention would inspire and encourage the fighting Democracy of the Fifth and Ninth Districts. He closed by saying that Roanoke would receive the delegates with open arms and pay all the expenses of the convention.

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This was all that was said on the subject, but the vigorous tone in which it was uttered and the quick and approving response it brought forth from the floor indicated clearly that there is strong opposition to the system among the leaders of the party, and that sooner or later they will wipe it out and return to the old convention method of making nominations for office in Virginia.

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Total number of delegates in State, 807; number from Richmond city, 37. Flat-footed anti-primary declaration by Judge R. T. W. Duke vigorously applauded.

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## MUCH TALK ABOUT FIGHT ON DANIEL

Democratic Leaders in the City Appear to Be Divided on Matter.

Widely different opinions were expressed among Democratic leaders in the city last night concerning the Daniel-Bryan controversy, and it is a fact worthy of mention that a great many of them indicated a strong desire for some amicable adjustment between the contending forces.

While, if any, an absolutely defiant spirit was displayed, however, by a number of the followers of the two statesmen, and there was enough of this sort of talk clearly to indicate trouble at the coming State convention.

Senator Daniel is in Florida, where he went to attend the funeral of the late Senator Wm. James Bryan, of that State, and will therefore not be here for several days. His friends expect him to stop over on his return to Washington, and if he does, he may outline his views with reference to the campaign which will shortly open up for delegates to the State convention at Roanoke.

Stands by Daniel. A prominent party man from the Piedmont section declared last night that the utterances of some of Mr. Bryan's enthusiastic friends against Senator Daniel would in no wise injure the prestige or diminish the popularity of the latter, but would only result in his triumphant election as a delegate at large.

Virginia Democrats will break no time-honored customs in this matter; neither will they violate any unwritten law of the party to gratify the whims of the new-born leaders," he continued.

The characterization by the Norfolk Landmark of those who wish to relegate Senator Daniel to the rear as "Bryan night-riders" was the source of a great deal of amusement among the politicians last night, and not a few of them took occasion to say that they did not belong to this class.

Conservative Democrats, as a rule, are laying down two propositions with reference to the coming convention. They are first that Daniel, Martin and Swanson will be three of the delegates at large from Virginia, and second, that they will not be instructed. At any rate, there will very probably be a fight in the convention unless there is a compromise between the warring factions before June 11th.

Miller for Pence. Mr. Howell C. Miller, of Rappahannock, former superintendent of schools of his county and a prominent local Democratic leader, is in the city.

Mr. Miller is a loyal Bryan supporter, though he declares that he is for Senator Daniel. He is in the city for the purpose of attending the convention, and he further says that he had heard little or nothing of the Bryan-Daniel controversy before he left his home.

"Some gentleman called my attention to it in Washington yesterday, and that was the first I had heard of it," he said. "I see no occasion for any fight over the matter, and hope there will be none. I am for peace, and therefore am for both Daniel and Bryan."

Mr. Miller was one of the delegates from the Seventh District to the Kansas City Convention in 1890, and similar in the class of productions rendered to the Wednesday Club. The colored people will call their organization "The True Reformers," and the present plans, the chorus for the first performance on April 22d, will contain 150 voices, accompanied by a large orchestra. Only classic compositions will be rendered and some of the best known singers of the race will be present.

The movement is being pushed by Professor Edward Ellis, of the True Reformers, who will be director. The orchestra will be under the direction of Professor Harper Fortune, of Boston. Most of the important parts will be taken by singers from other parts of the city, but the chorus will be made up of local people.

"Black Melba" Coming. The first series of concerts will be given in the True Reformers' Hall from April 22d to the 24th. The hall will be remodeled so as to accommodate a larger crowd and offer better facilities.

Interest centres around Susie Belle Anderson, "Black Melba," of the Boston Conservatory, who will sing the leading parts. "Black Melba," under white management, has traveled all over the world, it is said, and has made an international reputation for herself. Others of the best will be Dr. Bushell, of Los Angeles, Cal., basso; Eugene Griffin, Portsmouth, tenor; Dr. C. W. Moore, of Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., and Thomas Crump, Cora Harris and Cora Epps, of Richmond.

This venture on the part of the colored people of Richmond is not only interesting on account of the high class of the music and the prominence of the singers, but because it represents a move never before attempted by the race in the South.

Members Present. The following officers and members of the committee were present: J. Taylor Elyson, chairman; J. N. Buchanan, secretary.

First District—R. L. Allworth, J. M. Curtis, A. P. Rowe. Second District—C. Fenton Day, W. W. Sale, E. S. Hone, W. G. Parker.

Third District—E. L. C. Scott, John J. Lynch, Clyde W. Saunders, J. B. Fisher, Manly H. Barnes. Fourth District—Robert Gilliam, Thomas N. Williams, J. Winston Fowkes, T. E. Clarke, A. D. Watkins.

Fifth District—R. A. James, T. G. Burch, J. M. Hooker, R. H. Herndon. Sixth District—James P. Woods, A. N. Pierce, R. L. Jordan, J. C. Carrington, George M. Muse.

Seventh District—R. T. W. Duke, W. E. Carson, E. W. Carpenter. Eighth District—George S. Shackelford, Gardner L. Boothie, Raleigh T. Green.

Ninth District—F. F. St. Clair, B. F. Buchanan, T. A. Lynch. Tenth District—Joseph Button, Edward Echols, I. P. Whitehead, W. R. Allen.

## OYSTER PIRATES SWEEPING DOWN

Captain of Police Boat Calls Desperately for Help in Protecting Rock.

Stating that pirates from Maryland waters had destroyed the tripod and boundary of the Virginia-Maryland line on Smith's Island, Tangle Sound, and that dredgers are coming in force and pilloping all the Virginia rock, the captain of the police boat Pocomoke, in a telegram to Hon. W. McDonald Lee, chairman of the State Board of Fisheries, called desperately for aid yesterday.

Mr. Lee immediately telegraphed to the captain of the Commodore Maury directing him to proceed at once to the State line and help to protect Virginia's interests. Except for the meagre information contained in the first telegram no details could be learned.

The Commodore Maury left yesterday morning for the scene of action. Because of the absence of a member of the Board of Fisheries did not meet as scheduled yesterday morning, but held a short session in the afternoon after the member had arrived. Very little business was transacted, only a few small bills being approved. No other matters were taken up because of an opinion of the Attorney-General that under the statute recently enacted by the Assembly creating the Commission of Fisheries, the members would have to qualify again.

The meeting was postponed until this morning at 10 o'clock, before which time the members will take the oath of their new office.

AGAIN IN DANGER. Another Fire at Residence of Mrs. Ann O'Keefe. With the roof hardly repaired from fire caused by the sparks from a fire engine, the house of Mrs. Ann O'Keefe, No. 220 West Street, was again in danger of being consumed last night.

Being prompt in getting to the scene of action the department succeeded in saving the residence with the aid of a plug stream. The damage will not amount to more than \$25. The flames caught inside the middle partition and blazed merrily for a few minutes, snuffing the lathes and studding considerably.

Captain Curtis to Speak. Captain John Curtis, harbor-master of Richmond, will address Post A. of the True Reformers Association, to-morrow night on the conditions of the river and harbor.

There were two malds, as many nurses and one valet, which indicated that strong domestic help. He understands how to keep them, when most of the unhappy folk scuffle around here every day, trying to hold their servants. Mrs. Rockefeller is a pleasant looking old lady, with a gentle smile and a few white curls. She did not leave the hotel for a private maid or a nurse—and the secretary did the tramping.

Perhaps the most amusing incident of the day concerned a man who stood at the Main Street entrance of the Jefferson Hotel for a car, when an old woman walked up, shield a bit and then inquired timidly: "Are you Mr. K. B. Rockefeller?"

She was wrong on the initials and the man. "I wish I was," he replied. "I could eat beefsteak and spend some of that money."

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Nole Groceries. Joseph Boyd (colored) was convicted in the Police Court yesterday morning on the charge of stealing \$2.15 worth of groceries from Charles Eaton, and was sentenced by Justice Crutchfield to six months in jail.

## JOHN D. SILENT, BUT VERY GAY

Walked About the City, and Hurried Away Last Night for the Hot Springs.

Sighing for the open country and the sport of the golf links, John D. Rockefeller decided yesterday to make a short stay in this city, and with a pleasant word for Richmond departed last night at 11 o'clock for the Hot Springs of Virginia. The oil magnate's party did not arrive until 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning, the Atlantic Coast Line train on which he was traveling from Augusta having been delayed.

When he reached the Jefferson Hotel, where a suite of rooms had been reserved, Mr. Rockefeller stopped a moment to address a building. Then he went into his shell, leaving specific instructions to the clerks on duty not to permit anybody to disturb him. His private secretary, who occupied room 220, was the jack of all trades. He was the outer guard.

Early in the afternoon Mr. Rockefeller, his granddaughter and others, strolled out of the Franklin Street entrance and tramped to the Capitol. Where they inspected the statues and pictures. Mr. Rockefeller wore a derby hat with a flat top, and a coat which was a cross between a sack and frock coat.

Of course, he had on other garments, but they were not different from the rest of the average man with less wealth. Any local tailor would have testified that there were hundreds of citizens here who pay more money for their clothes. John D.'s eyes were always busy. He looked at everything and occasionally let them meet those of the curious in one sharp, deep glance. No one who passed him in the street identified him, and those who did merely crossed themselves and wished they had half his money.

The ordinary manager, who relieves Mr. Rockefeller from annoyance, picked up the receiver in room 220 and a reporter telephoned up that he would like to have the pleasure of a few minutes' chat with the private secretary's boss. The answer came back that there was nothing doing, or words to that effect. "Yes, Mr. Rockefeller is feeling quite well, thank you," was the gist of the conversation from the outer guard. No, there was nothing special to say, thank you, but he cannot be interviewed.

A thank you was hurried back, and the telephone girl pulled out the trunk.

Earlier in the day an invitation from the outer guard, Mr. Rockefeller, to the Golf Club was sent to Mr. Rockefeller. He was something of a friend. He sent a gracious answer, but added that he was going.

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### Opportunities To-Day

\$18 Spring Suits at \$8.25  
\$20 Spring Suits at \$10.50

It's our last season's stock—but that does not detract from their quality or usefulness. Fancy chevrons, blue serges, black: tibbets.

Companion bargains:

\$30 Cravenette Raincoats at \$16  
\$30 Fall Weight Suits at \$16

## Gans-Rady Company

## DIED AT SCENE OF WORK OF LIFETIME

Mrs. George A. Lyon Expires of Heart Failure in Woman's Christian Association Building—Widely Known and Active in Many Organizations.

Among those with whom she labored unselfishly for the last twenty years, Mrs. Alice Thaw Lyon died yesterday afternoon at 3:20 o'clock in the Woman's Christian Association Building, No. 769 East Franklin Street. After attending a session of the board of directors of the association, of which she was a member, Mrs. Lyon fainted as she was about to leave the place. She was attended by Dr. Meade Mann, who was there at the time. He saw signs of serious heart trouble, and summoned Mrs. Lyon's physician, Dr. Edward McGuire, who had hardly reached the building before she had passed away.

It had long been known that Mrs. Lyon was suffering from heart trouble, besides having a very bad cold, which had weakened her considerably. Being always nervous, on her way to the association yesterday afternoon she was frightened by a dray which nearly ran over her in the street. This incident is thought to have hastened the end.

Was Widely Known. Few women in the city have spent a more useful life than Mrs. Lyon, and it is safe to say that none would be more missed than she, not only by the various patriotic and charitable organizations with which she was connected, but by the great number of people whom she had befriended. Besides being one of the most active members of the board of directors of the Woman's Christian Association since its foundation, she was prominent in the membership of the Daughters of the Confederacy, the Holy Word Memorial Association, the Confederate Memorial Literary Society and several other societies.

Mrs. Lyon was the wife of Mr. Geo. A. Lyon, and lived at No. 15 South Fifth Street. She was the sister of Messrs. Lee Thaw and Richard Thaw, of Richmond. Mr. Edward Thaw, of New York, and Mrs. Clement Thaw, of New York, were also her brothers. She was the daughter of Mr. William Brooks, her father was a member of the old dry goods firm of Swartz & Thaw, and was a near relation of the late William Thaw, of Pittsburgh.

The funeral will take place from St. James Episcopal Church to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Meade Clark and the Rev. Dr. Russell Cecil. The interment will be made in Hollywood.

## State Winks as Oysters Vanish

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ment to thousands of people, and bring great revenues into the State. If properly cultivated, two-thirds of the James bottoms ought to produce 7,000,000 bushels every year.

There are no records in Virginia as to the actual natural rock existing to-day; there is no record of oysters planted. According to the government reports for 1906 the yield from natural rock amounted to \$1,700,000, with a similar amount from the planted beds. The yield was larger in 1905, smaller in 1907, with gloomy pictures of the years to come.

Cannot Look Ahead. Opposition which suddenly developed in the Legislature to a measure which had for its object the breaking of the Baylor survey naturally led up to country members to the belief that planters or a trust were anxious to seize these bottoms. Down here it is a battle between the planters and the toymen, the majority of the latter being ignorant negroes and uneducated white men who cannot look ahead. The one thing which they do know is that the business is fading away. They see it and feel it, yet they come from an indigent, shiftless class, whose motto is let well enough alone. They are afraid to make changes; they hope against hope, and because of their short-sighted policy they imagine that their friends at court are the men who would pander to their mental reasoning and sacrifice everything for political glory.

The Constitution provides that the oyster beds must be preserved for all the people, as a trust from which they are to share alike. From the very nature of the thing, however, they are dedicated to the few who live along the shores. They are beyond the reach of citizens far removed from the scene of former activity. And yet the whole people are continually taxed to buy fast and fashionable equipment for the State Board of Fisheries, to hire police, whose service can never be effective.

Dealers who depend upon the tongs for their source of supply realize that the latter are slender reeds. A sudden cold wave will bring in a flood of orders. Unless a packer has his own boats he cannot fill them, and once he fails the orders never come again. Connecticut, whose policy is far different from that of Virginia, formerly bought its bivalves from dealers here. When Connecticut began to grow its own oysters, it had the opinion that it could not produce a sufficient quantity to feed its own people. To-day, however, the State, after planting millions of bushels, is sending cargoes to Virginia, from which it took away its first handful of seed. On Long Island Sound there are hundreds of cottages clean and freshly painted. They are occupied by tongsmen who planted as they picked.

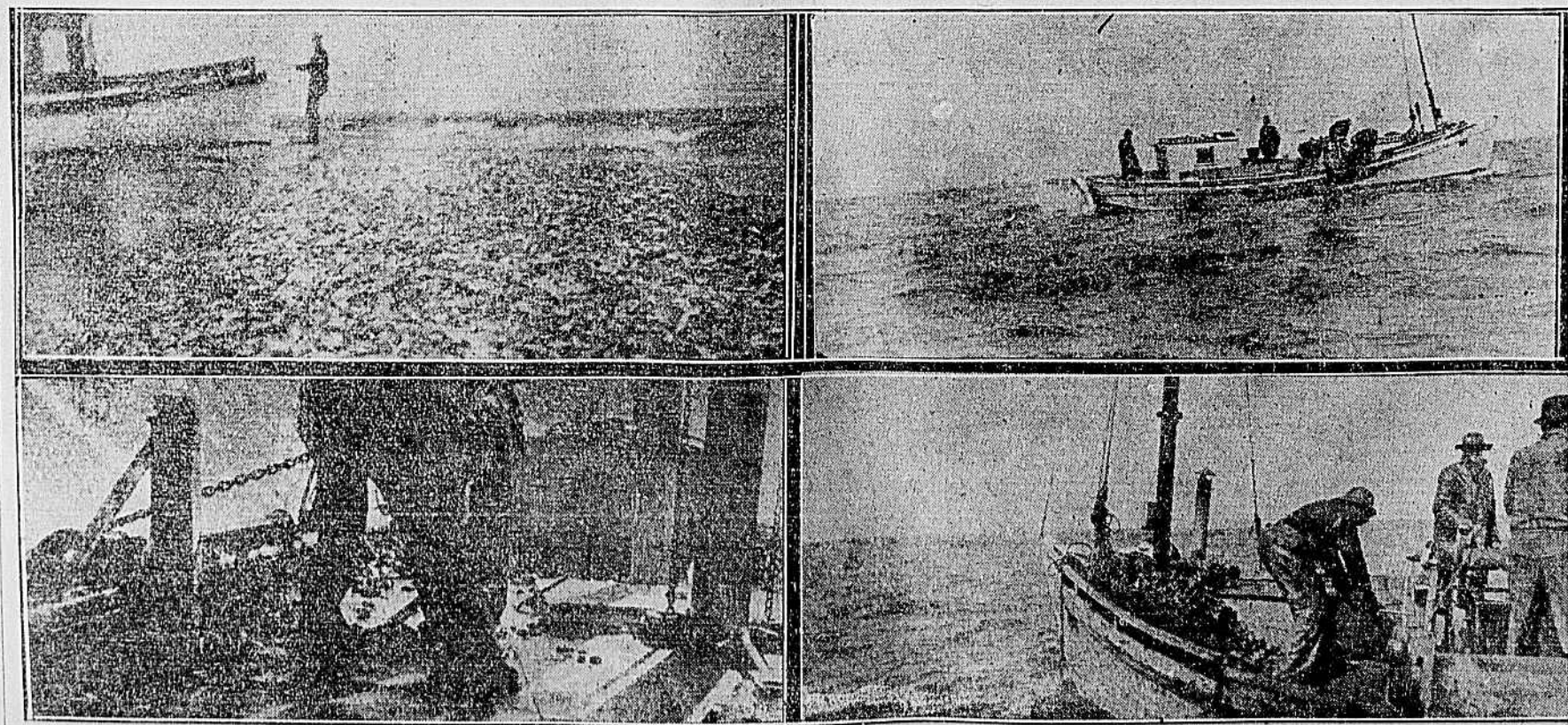
The Southwest trade, firmly held for a time by Virginia, is disappearing, Louisiana having engaged extensively in the business, and with more than its meed of gain.

Outlook Is Gloomy. The oyster is not an appetizer for the wealthy folk. It is a wholesome food product, known as such the world over. It gave life and strength to the early settlers of the Old Dominion, just as it had fed the Indians who lived here first. The Virginia brands are popular, and in much demand. These rocks are clean and fresh, the trade is being transferred to Maryland and Connecticut, or lost.

Reports printed the other day by an oyster paper in Chicago, stated that the season generally had been exceptionally fine, but it was not that way in Tidewater or along the Eastern Shore.

The full story of conditions hereabouts cannot be included in one newspaper article, other chapters will be as gloomy as are the hopes of the oystermen. A representative commission, composed of intelligent and independent members, for the raising of their friends, and deal with the issue as common sense and justice demand. After a few years' of planting, Virginia can recover her fortune and stand with the first. The poor people of the inland are as much entitled to these rocks as the rocks who have been stripped them, clearly, therefore, it is unjust to tax the inland poor to give the measly profits to those who have cleaned out the beds and who have nothing when the year ends to show for their labor and suffering.

## GROUP OF TYPICAL SCENES FROM OYSTER BOAT IN VIRGINIA WATERS



WHITE SHOALS EXPOSED IN JAMES. DECK OF GASOLINE DREDGE WITH POWER WINDERS.

TYPICAL GASOLINE HAND-WINDING DREDGE. DREDGING ON PRIVATE GROUNDS WHERE TOO ROUGH FOR TONGERS TO WORK. Photos taken by Times-Dispatch Staff Correspondent.

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